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1. The amendment to the claims filed on December 10, 2004 does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c). Amendments to the claims filed on or after July 30, 2003 must comply with 37 CFR 1.121(c) which was appropriately stated in the office communication of October 6, 2004. Specifically, 4 claims were originally filed on June 15, 2001. On August 5, 2002, the original claim set was amended by the filing of 86 new claims. On June 28, 2004, an amendment was filed that introduced 31 new claims. Most recently, on December 10, 2004, an amendment was received that renumbered the claim set of June 28, 2004 to the numbers 87-117.

Simply stated, the record is confused concerning claims and claim numbers. The requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c) must be in full compliance. The examiner suggest that the applicant return to the original claim set and provide the appropriate documents consistent with the related amendments. The claims and only the claims establish the metes and bounds of the invention. The applicant's claim intention must be perfectly clear in the record.

2. Since the reply filed on December 10, 2004 appears to be bona fide, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to submit an amendment in FULL compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

3. Corrections to the Drawings per the FIRST OFFICE ACTION are required.

4. For correspondance information, see FIRST OFFICE ACTION.

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